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PESB MEMORANDUM NO 01-07

TO: Educational Service District Superintendents  
School District Superintendents  
School Principals

FROM: Esther Baker, Program Director,  
Professional Educator Standards Board

RE: Recruitment of K-12 Educators for new WEST-E Development

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The Professional Educator Standards Board (PESB) has recently initiated redevelopment of the WEST-E (Washington Educator Skills Tests—Endorsements), the exams needed for K–12 educator endorsements. Teachers are required to earn endorsements to demonstrate that they possess the appropriate content knowledge for their teaching assignments. The *NEW* WEST-E exams will be fully aligned with state standards, including the educator endorsement competencies, the Essential Academic Learning Requirements, and the Grade Level Expectations. The PESB along with National Evaluation Systems (NES) is currently recruiting educators to assist in this test development.

We are requesting your assistance in identifying educators who may be interested in assisting in the development of these new exams. Committees will be assembled within the next month, so please have selected educators fill out an application as soon as possible. Applications, nomination forms, and further information can be found at <http://www.warecruit.nesinc.com>.

The PESB is committed to involving exemplary educators in all aspects of the test development process. Additionally, the PESB strives to involve educators that are representative of the diversity of the Washington population. Both of these goals help us to ensure that newly certified teachers have the subject-area content knowledge that is important for the job of an educator in K-12 schools. Therefore, it is crucial to recruit Washington K-12 school educators who are currently teaching.

NES is convening committees to review test materials for the new WEST-E exams, at meetings tentatively planned for fall of 2007 and the fall of 2008. Involvement in test development provides opportunities for professional growth and is paramount to maintaining the high quality of the education provided in our schools. Reimbursement will be provided to school districts for substitutes, and participants are also reimbursed for travel and meal expenses.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to email the NES Committee Recruitment Group at [warecruit@mail.nesinc.com](mailto:warecruit@mail.nesinc.com) or call NES (toll free) at (866)613-3285.

Thank you for your help.